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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJ: AID BILATERAL AGREEMENT

REF: BANGKOK 17140

1. SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES TEXT OF MOFA NOTE AND PROPOSED SIDE LETTER TO NEW AID BILATERAL AGREEMENT. EMBASSY/USOM FIND PROPOSED TEXT OF SIDE LETTER AS WELL AS MOFA/PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BILATERAL AGREEMENT, TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL, BOTH EMINENTLY SATISFACTORY. WE URGE IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON APPROVAL AND REQUEST AUTHORITY TO SIGN THE BILATERAL AGEEMENT

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE: QTE: NO. 0502/30226

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS IT COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND, WITH REFERENCE TO THE MINISTRY'S AIDE-MEMOIRE NO. 0502/24856 DATED 9TH JUNE B.E. 2519 (1976) STATING, INTER ALIA, THE POSITION OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE STATUS OF PERSONNEL WHO ARE IN CHARGE OF AID ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGE-
MENT UNDER A NEW ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH IS UNDER NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, HAS THE HONOUR TO FORWARD HEREWITH, FOR THE CONSIDERATON OF THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, A DRAFT SIDE-LETTER TO THE SAID AGREEMENT RECORDING THE UNDERSTANDING ON THE
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STATUS OF THE OTHER PERSONNEL IN CHARGE OF AID ADMINIS-

TRATION AND MANAGEMENT WHO DO NOT ENJOY FULL DIPLOMATIC
TITLE.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE MINISTRY COULD BE INFORMED
OF THE REACTION OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO THIS MATTER
IN DUE COURSE.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
SARANROM PALACE.

JULY B.E. 2519

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3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROPOSED SIDE LETTER:

QUOTE: NO. 0502 (DRAFT)

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY AND, WITH
REFERENCE TO THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
AGREEMENT SIGNED TODAY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
KINGDOM OF THAILAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, HAS THE HONOUR TO CONFIRM THE
UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AS
FOLLOWS:

1. EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WHO,
NOT BEING NATIONALS OF OR NORMALLY RESIDENT IN THAILAND,
ARE ENTRUSTED WITH FUNCTIONS RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRA-
TION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME UNDER
THIS AGREEMENT SHALL, UPON APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATION TO
THE THAI GOVERNMENT, BE ACCORDED SUCH PRIVILEGES AND
IMMUNITIES AS ARE GRANTED TO MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRA-
TIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF OF THE UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC
MISSION IN THAILAND.

2. THE NUMBER OF SUCH EMPLOYEES SHALL, AT LEAST
ONCE A YEAR, BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS IN THE LIGHT OF THE
ACTUAL PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT THAT MAY EXIST AT A TIME
UNDER THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME.

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THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS

END QUOTE.

4. MOFA OFFICIALS STATE THAT ABOVE SIDE LETTER WILL BE
A PUBLIC DOCUMENT. CONSIDERED ALONG WITH THE PROPOSED
BILATERAL AGREEMENT, AS REVISED PER REFTTEL, EMBASSY/USOM
BELIEVE THE RTG HAS NOW FULLY MET REQUIREMENTS REQUESTED

BY USG. WE THEREFORE REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR AMBASSADOR
TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.
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